



PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 9267-8  
(148002)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#12/B  
Plunkett  
4/24/02

In re: Patent application of :  
William Ian David et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/463,881 : Group Art Unit: 1631  
Filed: April 18, 2000 : Examiner:  
For: Method and Apparatus for Determining : Amy Hartter  
Molecular Crystal Structures :

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION **RECEIVED**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

APR 23 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final office action, paper no. 9) mailed on October 12, 2001. This response is being mailed within the third month after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period set in the office action. A separate petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, which resets the period for response to April 12, 2002, is filed herewith. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. Please charge any other fee that is due in connection with this response, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

BY Patricia A. Oliveira

DATE: April 11, 2002